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Democratic Party**

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February 23, 2009

Mr. Jeff S. Jordan  
Supervisory Attorney  
Federal Election Commission  
999 E. Street NW  
Washington, DC 20463

RE: MUR 6172

Dear Mr. Jordan:

I am writing in response to the Complaint filed against the Allegan County Democratic Committee MUR 6172.

Immediately upon receipt of your notice we contacted Mr. Cooney, the candidate to whom we sent the extra \$1,000.00. He has refunded the entire amount to our committee and we have deposited it into our general account. Mr. Dobbins, our Treasurer, has signed and attested to these facts. (Please see enclosed Affidavit of Mr. Dobbins.)

We are very sorry that we violated the contribution rules for a Federal Candidate. Our inexperience, unexpected surplus of contributions and our general over enthusiasm prompted us to forget to read the contribution rules one last time.

Properly educated about the rules concerning forming a separate committee before making a contribution beyond \$1,000.00 to a Federal Candidate, we ask that you take no further action in this matter.

We thank you very much for bringing this to our attention.

Sincerely,

*Catherine B. Brockington*

Catherine B. Brockington, Chair  
Allegan County  
Democratic Committee

cc: Benjamin P. Clark, Treasurer (2006-2008)  
Enclosures: Affidavit of Robert Dobbins Treasurer (2009)  
Copy of Check  
Copy of Deposit Slip

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### Mission Statement

The Democrats of Allegan County believe government is the means that protects and strengthens the basic rights of all citizens. In addition, it is the role of government to help citizens obtain a means to make a living in a clean and safe environment and to provide meaningful educational opportunities.

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